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Inclined Plane of Morris-Canal opposite Easton.

An engraving gives a very graphic picture of the Inclined Plane on the Morris Canal, at Phillipsburg, on the Delaware river, opposite the village of Easton. The line of the Canal is considerably higher than that of the river, and is passed in and out by means of locks and ponds, leading from the first out-let lock of the Delaware river. On the engraving there is the representation of a boat passing up, and another passing down, an operation which, by means of machinery, is quite well great facility.

The Morris Canal commences at Jersey City, opposite the New York, and pursues a course nearly northwest, as it traverses Hudson, Essex, Morris, Sussex and Warren counties, and enters their discharge into the Delaware, at Phillipsburg, opposite Easton. Here the Canal commences

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FEBRUARY 22, 1823.

To Readers and Correspondents.

The mathematical question inserted in our last has been answered correctly by a number of our readers. Among others, Mr. Ball, of Mt. Holly, sent the solution received by "Q. E. D., author of "Philosophy of a Future State." "Improvement of Society by the Diffusion of Knowledge," and other equally valuable productions. The present week treats upon the subject of *Education*, and contains much rare and curious information, which would richly repay a perusal. For instance, it gives an account of the present state of education in different countries, such as Siberia, Wirtemberg, Bavaria, Russia, Prussia, Spain, Switzerland and the United States—structures on the qualifications of teachers and settlers for their instructions—the course to be taken in which a rational system of education should be established—and every variety of information which could possibly be required upon this subject. The author appears to be a physician. In the following volume she writer has established a brief outline of the whole science of instruction requisite, as we think, considered as an elementary moral agent, destined to immortality—from the earliest dawn of reason to the period of manhood. But it is merely an outline; for the subject, considered in all its bearings, in the most extensive and interesting manner, would require the labour of a whole life. Mr. Dick informs us, also, that the train of thought running through the present work, has been familiar to his mind for more than twenty years—but that he was deterred from giving it to the public before the present time, lest it might have proved premature or unsuccessful.

Novels and Romances.—The Harpers of New York, have commenced the publication of a cheap and handsome series of Novels and Romances of which will embrace the most popular works of distinguished authors, such as Bulwer, Marryatt, James, D'Israeli, Grattan, Theodore Hook, and others of equal celebrity. The first of the series was *Rienzi*, Mr. Bulwer's ablest production, followed by James's novels of *The Gipsey* and *The Arab Chief*." Mr. Dick informs us, also, that the train of thought running through the present work, has been familiar to his mind for more than twenty years—but that he was deterred from giving it to the public before the present time, lest it might have proved premature or unsuccessful.

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Power's Impressions of America.—The work from which we borrowed an extract in the last Post-[illegible] is now published by Carey, Lea & Blanchard. It is lively, personal sketches so, that the author will be less popular as a writer, than he was as a player. The "Impressions" are written in a lively, graphic, and agreeable style, giving a favourable, of course, of the Americans, and much discrimination, and has keen powers of observation. His pictures of the scenes and occasions he met with, in his tour through the principal towns of the United States, are very amusing, and display that the attention of the reader. Good nature and candour are prominent characteristics of the work, throughout which there is evidently a strong feeling of partiality for the country; which we should have increased with the writer, as he became better acquainted with the manners and customs of our people, and the causes and character of our institutions.

These "Impressions" should have a rapid sale, not less on account of the liberal tone of the book, than the amusing character of its contents.

Sketches of Switzerland.—Cooper's History, we have not read, for many weeks, a more delightful work.

The Outlaw.—By the author of "Nicholas Nickleby," &c. New York, Harper & Brothers.

Mrs. Hall, the author of the above work, is admitted to superior as a writer, to many who far outshine her in reputation. Her contributions to the English Annuals and Magazines are the most spirited we ever read; and she is certainly one less successful in her more elaborate efforts, as the present volume will attest. We would confidently recommend the "Children" to the favorable attention of the reading community, as a novel well worthy of a perusal.

Panorama of Trades and Professions.—Uriah Hunt, of this city, has lately published a work with the above title, embellished with eighty-two engravings. It contains information to almost every trade and profession that can be named—such as the Agriculture, Hatter, Tailor, Milliner, Barber, Merchant, Doctor, Farmer, Printer, Mason, Blacksmith, Clergyman, Physician, Attorney at Law, and even the Author. The book cannot fail of being useful.

Works of Hannah More.—The Harpers have just published a handsome edition of the works of Hannah More, complete in seven volumes. The first volume contains a beautiful engraved likeness of the author, and an appropriate authentic title page, as do all the succeeding ones—being spirited illustrations of her works by eminent artists. On the subject matter, we need not say a word—our readers well and fatiently enlightened upon that point—we need only commend the work as a specimen of beautiful typography, and neat and substantial binding. Every library should possess it.

Mansfield, 3 vols. Harper and Brothers. This is the title of a new novel, purporting to be an autobiography of a lawyer, written by one principally named round the bloody scenes of Egypt and the Morea. It is replete with incidents of an exciting nature—such as to keep all desultory, like thousand others, and enough of the horrible to satisfy the most voracious appetite. The author or his prefere, declares that the scene of the narrative is entirely fictitious, but we have heard from private sources to the contrary assertion, and that the scenes described are, for the most part, unfortunately, too true to every day picture of existence.

We refer the following account of the death of Mansfield, the chief of the Manhooks, and the manner of his end.

For some time I had been indifferent to [illegible] that were ill-at, respecting the attack which had been made by myself and others upon the Turkish hulk. Such offers were of frequent occurrence, particularly during the Arabs, and my boat's crew asked of them. It appeared, however, that the enemy of a certain evening, and on the night to the none discovered, was directed all its vivacious against me, insomuch that I received a musket ball in the left leg, [illegible] contention, sometime the

Philadelphia Prices Current.

Corrected for the Saturday Evening Post, by Reed, T. Stockton & Co. Importers, Chestnut street, above Third.

FRIDAY MORNING, FEB. 26, 1836.

ASHES.
Pots ..... 100 lbs. 4 00
Pearls 4 00

BUTTER ..... lb. 17 18
Dairy tub. No. 17 18
Firkin 17 18
Prime French lar. .....

CANDLES.
Mould ..... lb. 12 13
Sperm 37 40

COFFEE.
Rio ..... lb. 10 11
Laguira 10 11
Java 11 12
Cuba 10 11

COTTON.
Louisiana, Alabama & Mississippi 12 13
Mobile 11 12
Florida 11 12
Upland 10 11
Bowed 11 12

FEATHERS.
Live Geese ..... lb. 30 32
Live Ducks 25 28

FLAX.
Rough ..... lb. 6 7
Dressed 10 12

FLOUR.
Philadelphia Fine ..... bbl. 5 00
Philadelphia Common 5 00
Philadelphia Extra 5 00
Philadelphia Extra Family 5 00
Pennsylvania Fine 5 00
Pennsylvania Common 5 00
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Ohio Fine 5 00
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Brandywine 5 00
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Alexandria Fine 5 00
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Georgetown Fine 5 00
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Richmond Fine 5 00
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Petersburg Fine 5 00
Petersburg Common 5 00
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Petersburg Extra Family 5 00
Fredericksburg Fine 5 00
Fredericksburg Common 5 00
Fredericksburg Extra 5 00
Fredericksburg Extra Family 5 00
Rye Flour 4 00 4 25
Corn Meal 3 00 3 12½

GRAIN.
Wheat ..... bush. 1 10 1 15
Rye 70 75
Corn 60 62
Oats 37½ 40
Barley 75 80
Clover Seed ..... lb. 6 7
Timothy Seed ..... bush. 2 50 2 75
Flaxseed 1 60 1 70

GROCERIES.
Sugar ..... lb. 7 8
Molasses ..... gal. 30 32
Rice ..... lb. 4 5
Pimento 5 6
Pepper 10 11
Cassia 50 62
Ginger 6 7
Nutmegs 90 1 00
Cloves 25 30

HAY.
Timothy ..... ton 18 00 20 00
Clover 12 00 13 00

HEMP.
Russia ..... ton 220 230
American 180 190

HIDES.
Dry Flint ..... lb. 12 13
Dry Salted 10 11
Green 6 7

IRON.
Pig, No. 1 ..... ton 45 00
Pig, No. 2 ..... 40 00
Bar 90 00
Sheet 120 00
Nail Rod 120 00
Hoop 120 00
Cast ..... lb. 6 7
Blister Steel 9 10
German Steel 9 10
Spring 6 7
Shear 12 13
Cast 12 13

LEAD.
Pig ..... lb. 6 7
Bar 7 8
Sheet 8 9
Shot 8 9
White Lead 8 9
Red Lead 8 9

LIQUORS.
Brandy, Cognac ..... gal. 2 50 2 75
Brandy, American 1 75 2 00
Gin, Holland 1 75 2 00
Gin, American 1 00 1 25
Rum, Jamaica 2 50 2 75
Rum, American 1 00 1 25
Whiskey, Monongahela 1 00 1 25
Whiskey, Country 90 95
Wine, Madeira 1 50 2 00
Wine, Lisbon 1 00 1 25
Wine, Sherry 1 50 2 00
Wine, Teneriffe 1 00 1 25
Wine, Port 1 00 1 25
Wine, Claret ..... case 4 00 5 00

NAILS.
Cut ..... 100 lbs. 5 00 5 50
Wrought 12 14

OILS.
Linseed, Raw ..... gal. 80 85
Linseed, Boiled 85 90
Sperm 1 75 1 87½
Whale, No. 1 ..... 85 90
Whale, No. 2 ..... 75 80
Lard 1 00 1 10
Tanners' 90 95
Turpentine 1 00 1 05

PAINTS.
Spanish Brown ..... lb. 4 5
Venetian Red 2 3
Yellow Ochre 2 3
Chrome Yellow 20 25
Chrome Green 20 25
Prussian Blue 50 62
Verditer 20 25
Vermilion, Chinese 1 00 1 25
Vermilion, English 75 87½
Lamp Black 12 14
Ivory Black 12 14
Patent Yellow 1 00 1 25
Gum Gamboge 1 00 1 25
Gum Shellac 50 62
Gum Arabic 50 62
Gum Copal 1 00 1 25
Gum Myrrh 1 00 1 25
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FEBRUARY 1836.	sun rises.	sun sets.	moon rises.	moon passes.
27 Saturday	6 19	5 31	10 48	
28 Sunday	6 18	5 32	11 46	
29 Monday	6 17	5 33	10 56	
1 Tuesday	6 16	5 34	11 56	Full ☽ 1 41
2 Wednesday	6 14	5 35	12 56	
3 Thursday	6 13	5 36	1 56	
4 Friday	6 12	5 37	2 56	
5 Saturday	6 10	5 38	3 53	First ☽ 6 43

Saving Fund Society.—The Northern Liberty, Kensington and Spring Garden Saving Fund Society will be open for the reception of deposits on Monday and Thursday of each week, between the hours of 9 and 11 o'clock A. M. at the office of the Penn Township Bank, Front street.

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PHILADELPHIA.

Saturday, February 27, 1836.

☞ Our agents are particularly solicited to make speedy remittances. Many have neglected this indispensable ceremony for several months or a year past. Their losses will oblige essentially at the present time.

We insert, in another column, the bill recently passed by the Legislature of New Jersey, respecting the property held by the Society of Friends. It will prove an article of much interest to a considerable number of our readers.

THE STATE OF GOVERNMENT.—A report has been presented to our State Legislature, proposing the sale of the public works. A breeze of it has been wafted to us from Harrisburg to this city, a measure which, we earnestly hope, will meet the approbation of our representatives. We have had many able condemnations for such a change, and the objection of its not being a central location, is very light indeed, when it is remembered, that by the rail-road, it is only about 10 or 12 hours ride from Harrisburg. In this city, members of the Legislature would have access to the valuable "Loganian Library," which would be greatly aided in their labours by constant intercourse with men of business, and others competent to furnish desirable information. They would also have many opportunities of enjoying relaxation from the cares of state, in the way of amusement, and in respect to comfort and convenience, would be at least, 50 per cent. better off than they are at present.

In the event of such a change being agreed upon, our citizens would no doubt be willing to make liberal appropriations for suitable buildings to accommodate the Legislature and the officers of the government.

The very handsome addition about to be made to the School Fund of Philadelphia, will, we trust, give a renewed impulse to the cause of education. We regard this as one of the best features of the Bank bill, and of the sum to be paid by the Bank had been twice as large as it is, more gratification would have been still greater. There exists in the minds of some of our citizens, particularly in the interior, a discreditable feeling on the subject of education, and though the school bill which has recently gone into operation has done much towards enlightening the public mind, much more remains to be done. It stated, in the report of the Superintendent of Common Schools, lately presented to the legislature, that already the number of pupils in those districts is double that taught in private schools before the general system was adopted, and that the number of children in the higher branches of education, which otherwise would have received no school instruction whatever. This is highly gratifying information, and it is to be hoped that the friends of education will still greater exertions, efforts in that cause should be relaxed until the system of liberal instruction has been carried to the reach of every child in the commonwealth.

THE DESTRUCTION OF JERUSALEM.—This is one of the most beautiful and effective pictures, now open at the Diorama, "saneon si, ever exhibited in this country. It comprises a variety of subjects, and from its peculiar arrangement presents a perspective view of wonderful extent and is perhaps one of the most striking illustrations of Scripture History that could have been selected for dioramic effect. The judicious painting of the figures, the burning of the temple, the magnificent architecture, the Prophet Jeremiah's lamentation, in fact in every part of the interest is continued; and it is a work of much mechanical excellence, and shows in its conception, a mind of such gigantic genius, that it ought to be visited, not only by the patrons and friends of the fine arts, but by the religious of all denominations.

The proprietor, Mr. Wright, has added a very beautiful historical picture of the great fire in New York, thirty times larger than any view yet exhibited to the public, for which he has procured considerable notoriety. The Diorama, and up a saloon expressly for it, forming together only one exhibition.

ANOTHER RAIL-ROAD.—Col. Long, the engineer appointed to survey the various routes for a rail-road from some point on the coast of Maine to Quebec, has presented his report, which he states that he has been over the whole route, and that a perfect rail-road can be constructed the cost and distance of each to be as follows:

From Portland to Quebec, 277 miles—cost of construction $6,349,671.

From Wiscasset to Quebec, 246 miles—cost $4,

From Belfast to Quebec, 227 miles—cost $4,

It appears that the latter is the shortest and least expensive: and being such, it is recommended by Col. Long as entitled to the preference.

UNITED STATES BANK.

The great interest manifested by all classes of our community, to be fully acquainted with the provisions of the new charter of the United States Bank, now approved by the Governor, and accepted by the stockholders, has induced us to publish the bill in detail. It will be found in another part of this paper.

This measure, though warmly opposed in its early stages, by a portion of our citizens, appears to give pretty general satisfaction, and we doubt not but that it will soon be universally regarded as one of the most important acts for the interests of Pennsylvania, that could possibly have been devised. It will open a new era in this state, so far as regards our internal improvement system, as it does not, more onward, with renewed zeal, several public works now languishing, and give to others, now in agitation or but lately completed—designed as connecting links in the great chain, that unites the east and the west, and the north and the south—a powerful impetus, that cannot fail to secure their speedy completion. These important improvements, when in successful operation, will give to our citizens an immense revenue. The consequence will bring the business sections of our state nearer together, and greatly facilitate travelling and the transportation of merchandize—they will develope the resources of our state, by affording good markets for mineral and agricultural products, and they will bring within our boundaries, hundreds and thousands of merchants from other states, to purchase of us commodities, which hitherto they have obtained principally elsewhere. It is therefore, we think, no more than a reasonable expectation to anticipate that the day is not far distant when Philadelphia will control the principal trade of the west—when Philadelphia will be the great emporium of the distant west, and Pittsburg and Erie, the great depots for the trade of the Lakes and the Valley of the Mississippi.

The present bill has been framed with the utmost caution, and the stockholders will have a great effect in stimulating private enterprise, and in facilitating those operations which principally elsewhere. It is therefore, we think, no more than a reasonable expectation to anticipate that the day is not far distant when Philadelphia will control the principal trade of the west—when Philadelphia will be the great emporium of the distant west, and Pittsburg and Erie, the great depots for the trade of the Lakes and the Valley of the Mississippi.

The number of banks that are placed within the reach of the trading community by this bill, will have a great effect in stimulating private enterprise, and in facilitating those operations principally elsewhere. It is therefore, we think, no more than a reasonable expectation to anticipate that the day is not far distant when Philadelphia will control the principal trade of the west—when Philadelphia will be the great emporium of the distant west, and Pittsburg and Erie, the great depots for the trade of the Lakes and the Valley of the Mississippi.

This mode of making the New York merchants secure by insuring the character of the country customers, through a secret, unknown agent, will not, probably, be cordially assented to; as by it a man is condemned unheard, the funds he could lose, or has creditors importunate, without knowing the cause, and without the opportunity of explanation.

Correspondence of the U. S. Gazette.

HARRISBURG, Feb. 23d, 1836.

In the Senate to-day two bills were passed on third reading, one incorporating the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company; the other changing the location of that part of the Columbia and Philadelphia rail-road which runs through the lands of the Miss Bethels.

The remainder of the day was spent in discussing amendments to an act supplementary to an act prescribing the mode of forming banks, or increasing the capital of their old institutions.—Such a course might have been pursued in this matter as to have secured all the facilities and advantages of the present institution, so firmly established in the confidence of the people of the United States, and also in those of England, and other parts of Europe, would have been lost to Pennsylvania, as there cannot be a doubt but that New York, New Jersey and Maryland, would willingly have granted a charter for smaller considerations than those named in the present bill.

We notice but one feature in this charter that we consider objectionable, and that is the prohibition against issuing notes of a less denomination than ten dollars. This reservation will seriously inconvenience the travellers, in exchanging them to carry with them a quant ty of silver for change, and to publishers, and all others who are in the habit of receiving small remittances, it will prove a source of constant vexation. Five dollar notes are especially useful for remittances by mail, and we cannot see any possible good likely to result from their prohibition. We hope this matter will receive further consideration, as the clause may be repealed, unless strong argument is adduced in favor of its retention.

SPECULATION IN THE WEST.—We learn from the Ohio Observer, that speculations in real estate, in and about that place, are still going on with vigor. During the past week, a farm located on the Third Section, east of the line of the Bay, was sold at the rate of over one hundred and fifty dollars per acre. To-day, in the borough, are advancing in price every day.

The same paper adds that a similar fever is raging at Cincinnati, and that the whole village have risen in price over a hundred per cent. within the last twelve or fifteen days, and are still advancing. The cause of this impetus in their prosperity, is the passage of a bill by the Ohio legislature, granting a charter for a rail road from the city to that place to the Ohio river—a road which, when completed, will undoubtedly be much used, and the stock of which will be valuable. Numerous sales have been made within the past week, and some amounting to several thousands of dollars. Bargains are still offered which we have no doubt will afford a good investment for capital.

The population of the whole state of New York, is ascertained to be 1,174,547—the city and county of New York have 259,089 inhabitants.

POOR.

A town meeting of citizens was held at the County Court house, on Monday last, to take into consideration the present distress of the poor, occasioned by the severity of the season. Mather Carey, Esq. presided. W. M. Meredith, Esq. made an eloquent address on the unhappy condition of our poor population, consequent upon the dearth of employment at the present time, and the long continuance of cold weather, and concluded by submitting the annexed resolutions, which were unanimously agreed to.

Whereas, the severity of the season, almost unparalleled continuance of the winter, have occasioned an unusual suffering in this city and vicinity for want of food and clothing and the means necessary for keeping themselves from the inclemency of the weather. Therefore

Resolved, That collections be immediately made among our citizens, for the purpose of relieving the present distresses of the poor.

Resolved, That a committee of seven be appointed by the chair, for the purpose of appealing to the benevolence of Citizens by different wards and districts of the city and county, and that these Committees be earnestly requested to use all diligence in the performance of their duties.

We have no doubt but that there has been a vast amount of suffering in this city this winter, and though the weather is now much milder than it was in January, until the out-door employment of the lower classes is resumed, there must be many cases of distress among the poor.

We hope that those whom Providence has blessed with a competency, will not be backward in contributing to the relief of their less favored fellows.

As an incentive to liberality among our readers, we copy the annexed statement from the U. S. Gazette of evening the Indies of this city. We have not the liberal gentleman alluded to, but we envy him his feelings, blessed, as he must be, by the practice of those sublime virtues, which alone who may become participants of his bounty.

Most Laudable.—We have pleasure in stating the fact, that a gentleman of this city, whose name of the person, that a member of the Society of Friends has had two of his horses shot of wood cut from his farm, and recently brought in this city, has given FIFTY DOLLARS to be given to the UNION BENEVOLENT SOCIETY, and SIX HUNDRED AND FIFTY COBDS to the FUND SAVINGS SOCIETY. Small as this donation, at this season of scarcity and suffering, is worthy of all commendation, and we may add, worthy of all imitation.

Recent advices from Europe, received by the ship Charlemagne, at New York, state that great sympathy was expressed in Paris, for the sufferers by the late destructive fire in New York. A subscription was immediately set on foot for their relief.

SPECIAL ELECTION.—A special election was held in this city, on Tuesday last, for a member of the House of Representatives, to supply the vacancy occasioned by the death of Lewis Krumbhaar. The following is the result:

	Ashe.	Jack.	Ex-m.	Total.
North Mulberry	203	215	12	430
South Mulberry	314	143	27	419
North	314	183	25	532
Middle	220	122	15	365
South	281	81	14	376
Locust	311	119	17	447
Cedar	320	77	10	707
New Market	284	93	12	391
Pine	240	60	7	307
Dock	240	60	7	307
Walnut	216	90	8	314
Chesnut	176	86	11	287
High	236	73	17	326
Lower Delaware	314	124	25	463
Upper Delaware	188	113	21	322
Total	3689	1921	255	5438

Mr. Scott was the candidate of the Democratic, Mr. Evans of the Anti-masons, and Mr. Jack was supported by citizens opposed to the Rail-road in Market street, of the popularity of which, there can be no longer be any doubt. The election was entirely peaceable.

The Citizen's Ball will take place at the Chestnut street Theatre, on Thursday evening, March 17th.

We are requested to state that a committee of the Managers will sit at the Box-office of the Theatre, for delivery of tickets to subscribers, on Monday 7th, Tuesday 8th, and Wednesday 9th March, after which time no ticket will be issued.

It appears by an article going the rounds in the papers, that a system of counterfeiting is established in New York, by which every merchant, trader, and man of business in the country, is subjected to the daily discovery of losses, sometimes to his credit, connections, and private character.

This mode of making the New York merchants secure by insuring the character of the country customers, through a secret, unknown agent, will not, probably, be cordially assented to; as by it a man is condemned unheard, the funds he could lose, or has creditors importunate, without knowing the cause, and without the opportunity of explanation.

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HARRISBURG, Feb. 23d, 1836.

In the Senate to-day two bills were passed on third reading, one incorporating the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company; the other changing the location of that part of the Columbia and Philadelphia rail-road which runs through the lands of the Miss Bethels.

The remainder of the day was spent in discussing amendments to an act supplementary to an act prescribing the mode of forming banks, or increasing the capital of their old institutions.—

In the House the bill extending certain privileges to the Girard Bank, passed a second reading.

A considerable excitement was manifested here this morning by a report, coming from Carlisle, stating that Mr. Dallas, Mr. Ingersoll, Esq. was burnt in effigy, and that his property was in danger. That the meeting brought out the boys, the passing intelligence that but some dozen of boys and a few men were present, be found in favor of the measure, and it was relinquished. Yours, &c.

THEATRICAL.

The engagement of the Woods, and Mr. Brough, at the Chesnut Street Theatre, has at length closed, and Mr. Orleans, *Le Sonneur*, is was attractive to the last, and would have continued so, it is probable, several weeks longer. It is a delightful opera, decidedly the best that has ever been produced in this city. The Woods return to Boston.

The Arch Street Theatre will be opened for a short season this evening. The Managers have made arrangements to bring forward a succession of the first rate Orleans. *Les Sonneurs*—Herr Cline, Mr. Abbott, Miss Wheatley, Mr. John Reere, Mr. Wallack and Mad'lle Celeste, are all under engagement, and it is expected that the *Woods* will be enabled to appear again, before their departure for Europe.

Mr. Wallack has been the principal attraction at the Walnut Street Theatre, during the week. A benefit was given at this house, on Thursday last, to the widow of Volunteers, who repel the Indian aggressors in Florida.

Mastrocastle Cotton.—A letter from a theatrical friend at New Orleans, *Les Sonneurs*—this extraordinary *danseuse* is now attracting the most brilliant and overflowing houses ever known, at the Orleans theatre, in that city. At her first engagement at Caldwell's new theatre, paid her $7,300 after which she made a visit to Mobile, where she received $4,000. For her present engagement at the French theatre she is insured $3,500; and she is re-engaged at Caldwell's for $1,000 speaking to all, the extraordinary sum of *sixteen thousand eight hundred dollars*, for forty-four successive nights—being probably, the largest amount of money ever be ken in the same space of time, by any one performer in the known world.

THE JEWESS.

The extensive preparations for the production of this splendid opera, at the Walnut street theatre, will be brought out, in magnificent style, at the Walnut street theatre on Monday evening. Few of our readers, we presume, are competent to form a correct opinion of the splendour of this piece, and the number of its already triumphant scenes and decorations. The admirable adaptation of the music to the various Appeals to the sight, like a tissue of gold and silver, will make it strikingly rich; and when the host and most picturesque store of the Savage Indies. The closet-lands and the lengthy Romans, are also to be presented in the play, and did not Gold, Lamb, Eagle, Peg dan, Bennett, Triumphal Cars, &c., make up the gaudy show. The scenery, however, is in good keeping with the magnificence, and we doubt not that upon through the body of the theatre, which, we understand, already has a splendid appearance.

Of course the house will be crowded on Monday night, and for many nights thereafter.

FLORIDA WAR.

A letter in the Charleston Courier, from one of the Charleston volunteers, dated Camp Defiance, Jan. 31st, says Capt. Porter, of the United States troops, commanded artillery force in that fort. An express to him, from Gen. Clinch, came in Jan. 26th.

The Milledgville Recorder of Feb. 9th, states that two or more volunteer companies for Florida, are being formed in almost every county of that state. Putnam has raised an additional company, and the sum of $1,000 to pay their passage. Lumpkin has proffered the corps of "Lumpkin Volunteers" to the Governor for the campaign of her rifle corps, &c. The whole number from Georgia, now in Florida, or on the way there, is about 1000. The detachment from Macon, with the Baldwin and Washington cavalry, under Col. Lamar, left Macon, 24th, Saturday, Gloun. 30: Darien, Sund. 31.

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By their voluntary kindness, the fate of Edmonson have shown, how much silken hearts and frames can not attempt the dangers and hardships of the fettled field, yet, that woman's bosom is the altar where the vestal fire of love of country burns, and that the softer sex will not be "to for those whom their kindness has befriended, and their tears and smiles have animated. Such deeds are worthy of an age, when the altar sacred, and that fire undiminished. In them we place our hopes, and, we doubt, not the result of their perilous toils will justify our confidence.—*The Secretary of the Comanches.*

PARIS, Jan. 11.—Deplorable excesses were committed at Barcelona, on the 4th inst. Upwards of a hundred prisoners were massacred by the populace, in the citadels. The body of Col. O'Connell was horribly mutilated. The disturbances continued on the 5th. The lives of all persons suspected of Carlism, were threatened. On the 6th, upon receiving an account of these disorders, Gen. Mina left San Lorenzo for Barcelona.

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 24, 1836.

Very little was done in the House on Wednesday; Mr. H. A. postponed the remainder of his speech to a more convenient opportunity. Messrs. Hamlin and Graves, of N. Y. spoke against the relief bill, and ridiculed the speech of Mr. Phillips in a very keen manner. In the Senate, Mr. Calhoun, in speaking on Mr. Benton's appropriation bill, took occasion to remark that Gen. Jackson, had formerly done some noble deeds, some good to his country, and even now retained a share of the love, but that his most recent, and *unseen* were more of the fox and the lion. Several private bills were passed, after which the Senate proceeded to the consideration of the special order, being the resolution introduced by Mr. Benton, for appropriating the surplus revenue to objects of permanent national defence. Mr. Wright, of N. Y. had the floor, addressed the Senate in favor of the resolution, and after he had concluded, the debate was further continued, by Messrs. Calhoun, Wall, Preston and Niles. The Senate adjourned without coming to a decision.

On Thursday the House was engaged on private bills, and in receiving the reports of various committees, a great part of the day, it then went into committee of the whole, on the state of the union, on the bill to provide for the payment of claimants for military services in the service of the United States, after a debate in which Messrs. R. M. Johnson, Williams, Whittlesey, Hawes, and White of Florida, took part, it was reported to the House and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time. The House then proceeded to the special order, being the bill for the relief of the sufferers by the fire in the city of New York. An amendment debate ensued, in the course of which Messrs. Storer, Hunt, Lane, Cave, Johnson, Reed, and Cambreleng, spoke in favor of, and Messrs. Underwood, Wise, and one or two others against it. The bill is gaining ground rapidly, many will vote for the bill from really approving it, others who do not care a mil of New York, will remain a heap of rubbish, but to vote for it, for the public manner from out of the control of the Executive. The bill will pass.

In the Senate various petitions were presented, then the resolution of Mr. Benton, was taken up as the special order of the day. Mr. Robbins made a long speech against the resolution, and Mr. Calhoun moved to lay it on the table, which was negatived. Mr. Grundy's amendment, striking out the word "surplus," was carried by six majority; this in fact *undertakes* the resolution. After various amendments offered—and withdrawn, the question was taken, and the resolutions were unanimously adopted.

In the House on Friday, various bills were reported. One from the committee on Roads and Canals, authorizing of the act for the continuation of the Cumberland road, was read twice, and on motion, he could see, that it would be expedient time that moneys received should be regarded as lying in the treasury. Some contending that the moment the monies were placed in the hands of a collector, it was lone lide to the treasury, others objected that it was not to be regarded as in the treasury, until paid into the deposite banks to the credit of the United States, as until then the treasurer of the United States had no responsible for the money. Mr. Cambreleng seemed to fix his eye on one object, and his declaration to push it, he could see, that the onward march to be impeded by any trifling obstacle. He was willing to agree to any little amendment, thereby cutting of all opportunity for by-playing, or of procrastination, several gentlemen joined in the debate. Mr. Wise, of this, a delightful speech, and as usual, was answered by Mr. Lane, who seems to have taken up Mr. Wise under his special surveillance. It is impossible to give a letter to give a detailed of the whole debate, which continued until nearly six o'clock, when the House adjourned without coming to a decision) until Tuesday, the twenty third.

Now that Congress has taken care of No. 1, by the special care of government for the members—now that the French question is we hope at an end—that this bill is got rid of, it is to be hoped that the affairs of the people in general will be attended to.

On Monday, Mr. Benton presented the credentials of the Hon. Robert J. Walker, elected a Senator for Mississippi, to serve for six years from the fourth of March last. The usual oath to support the constitution of the United States, was administered, and he took his seat in the Senate. A message from the President was then received and read, giving official particulars of the happy termination of our differences with the French Government. Accompanying the message was the correspondence relative to the offered mediation of England, and the communication to the United States, through England of the willingness of the French Government to pay the instalment on the American claims, which had been deferred demands it.—This intelligence was received with great satisfaction by the Senate. Mr. Clay and Mr. Clay rose and made some severe remarks, showing that the bill is determined not to "lay placard."

On Monday, in Senate, Mr. McKean, (from the committee to whom had been referred the Senate printing, made a report, recommending that the printing of the Senate be entirely separated from that of the House. As the matter now stands, whenever any document is ordered to be printed by the Senate, the clerk of the Senate, is required to ascertain, if it has not been ordered by the House, and if *it has been*, the printer of the House furnishes the Senate also, without waiting for the adoption of the report after he had concluded, Mr. Preston, of S.C. said that he could see no reason why the Senate should act upon his motion, the report was laid upon the table. The Senate then proceeded to the consideration of Mr. Benton's fortification bill. The appropriations were recommended, including steam batteries, and the defence of the Gulf of Mexico. Mr. Benton explained at considerable length, and at length,—recommended the Washington policy in relation to the national defences, and the policy of the gunboat system of Jefferson. I anticipate a very warm debate, and think it probable that the army appropriation bill may be delayed, or finally curtailed.

The House met to-day in high spirits, they thought that they had cheated "rule and regulation" out of his two weeks' sleep, but the petitions and the vexations the reason attending, Mr. Adams said "they reckoned without their host," Mr. Adams eternally upstrops to every thing, asserted that the first day of the week on which the House met, be it Monday or any other day, was the one appointed to receive petitions. On the first Monday, Mr. Adams's opinion was not found to be correct. Afterwards the House proceeded to the order of the day which was a contested point of order, whether a certain abolition petition was to be referred to the House or only to the "select committee," or be an apple of discord in the House. Between twenty and thirty members were on their feet in the course of the debate, but very little was said worth repeating.

The father of difficulties, Mr. Wise, could not be restrained, and he made such a speech as served to think the motion wrong, the resolution wrong, the petition wrong, and all wrong together, but he would vote to sustain the chair in its decision. The House was not of the opinion of the Wise-man of Virginia, and decided that petitions on that subject must in future be received. Mr. Pinckney, of S. C. then, in a very manly gentleman that to see the house of confirmation from those petitions, he would be unwilling to lay packed, but the well disposed people, both in and out of the House rejoice in the decision.—The House adjourned this evening without transacting any other business. There has nothing transpired this week worth writing, the congress question is has turned out a hoax; no fresh news has arrived from Florida. We are as dull here as a quaker meeting. Gov. Cass gave a party the other night, and it is reported that the guests had room to move, even to practice the waltz. The members are satisfied with formal parties, they look upon the invitations with groaning brows, and decline them when they can do it, without discontinency. There was to be a ball last evening at the Indian

THE COMIC DIRGE.

ADE.—" *Turn the Old Cow died of.*"

The cow! the cow!—that hateful beast, dumb,
With haggard visage, and
And interrupts her awkward breath,
Amid the cattle there,
No more she'll stretch her dew-lapped neck,
To low in threatening wise;
She's gone from the deserted dock,
Too fear beasts the wires.

The cow! the cow!—and must we see
Go all unchastened now?
No more in field or fold shall be
The rudest and the best;
No more the cud, with look sedate,
She'll, all contented chew;—
Alas! we now must acquiesce—
Oh what we are to do!

The cow! the cow!—she's in the sea,
Beautiful fathom deep!
And sharks have joined in revelry,
To the universal so keep.
Oh! I have observed this mournful note,
And recalled the general grief,
Had timely haste been made to thrust
Tow round her into beef.
The cow! the cow!—the milker weeps,
And, all industrious "sups"
You bull, with your pensive sorrow steeps,
Augmenting o'er consoling brine,
She little dreamed that Taxicab,
Would be her chance keep,
For, bashful soul, she ought west,
To sea, out to be seen.

The cow! the cow!—she died that day,
And useful skins deplore her bone
Her death obstructs the "milky way,"
Her object stopped waves out of her.
Her sienne were sad, her eyes aghast,
Too late I think gave her tail,
And she the bucket kicked at last,
Who'd often kicked the pail.

The cow! the cow!—a few weeks more
Had she contrived to stay;
Her death had then been one a hore,
That what it is to-day;
For though we're sure, "by 'y lady," yet
In vain for milk we try;—
The beef has overbeard *ci re* rest,
The other has gone dry!

MATHEMATICAL TOAST.—The following toast, it is said, was drunk at an Association of School Masters, the sentiments which are embodied in it are worthy the attentive consideration of every fond housewife:

The belles daughters of Columbia: May they add virtue to beauty, subtract envy from friendship, multiply attentions to parents, divide time between home and society and reconcile, and reduce economical to its lowest denomination by a modest chemical compound.

The Drunken Son and her Four Pigs.—A woman who drank deep of the wine-cup as well as the beauty bowl, was the mother of a lovely little girl about ten years of age, who often wept in secret at her mother's degradation. One day observing the grocer, whose establishment is opposite her humble, empty a barrel of cherries into the street that had been in a hurry of rain, and the rain coming on a heavy shower, and her pigs running off, she could neither stand nor wait, neither pigs running off, she could neither stand nor wait, neither pigs running off, she could neither stand nor wait, neither pigs running and squealing in alarm, the little girl exclaimed, "Mother, mother, come to the window!—Why, what's there in the sky?" O mother, see, see, the four pigs have up my breeches to search for the rain." "Because I have no daughter," she must be to have a drunken mother." The child was effectual; the mother reformed, has ceased to drink.

A COMPARISON.—"Jack," said a GT young fellow to his companion, "what's the difference between a fop and the ball?" "I am sure they will not add in the least to the brilliancy of the scene." "Pardon me," replied the other, gravely, "for not agreeing with you, but I do think that where there are so many part I really think that where there are so many lights of beauty, there may be some occasion for a pair of snuffers."

PAUPERISM IN ENGLAND.—The population of Europe is nearly 100 millions; 18 there, it is computed, that there are 16 millions of paupers, or persons subsisting at the expense of the community, without contributing any thing to its resources. We do not know whether the estimate includes lunatics, idiots, pensioners, &c., or it ought to come under its title of *paupers*.

TO SHOEING.—It is stated in a French journal that the skin of serpents is an excellent a substitute for leather, that the most experienced and hardiest shoemakers are unable to detect the difference.

FULL MEASURE.—A Quaker sighting from the window, on entering the inn, called for some brandy, and drinking the pot dishonest on quantity, thus addressed her: "Thee must know, friend, that a bottle of beer does draw in a shoeful, but a bottle of brandy holdeth." "And there would like to be," replied Boniface. "Certainly," exclaimed the smiling landlord. "Then I will have a bottle of brandy," added the Quaker.—"For the same money, friend Ebenezer. "Certainly," exclaimed the smiling landlord. "Then I will have a bottle, friend